

ESU 6

Title III Update

January 16, 2015

Nebraska English Language Proficiency Standards

- Can be found on Title III website (off of draft status)
- Appendices (A, B, and C) added:
 - A. Proficiency Level Descriptors
 - High-level summaries (function and form)
 - Detailed descriptors of forms at
 - Discourse Level (organization, cohesion, and stamina)
 - Sentence Level (sophistication of sentence structure)
 - Vocabulary Level (sophistication of vocabulary, word groups and grammatical forms)
 - B. Correspondences to Content Practices—Behaviors students use when engaging with content/investigations—requires knowledge, skills, discipline specific academic language
 - C. Section added which addresses the needs of Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education (SLIFE)
 - Indicators and Identification
 - General teaching strategies
 - Teaching Literacy
 - Importance of oral language development
 - Teaching Math and other Content Areas
 - Practicing academic conversations with strategic scaffolds

ELPA21 Updates

- Field Test conducted by Questar
 - Opens Feb.2- March 20, Grades 9-12
 - Opens Feb. 16-March 20, all other grade bands
 - ELPA21Support@questarai.com or call 800.574.5583
- Operational form will be administered 2015-16 (ELDA Retired)
- Screener will be available in 2016-17
- ELPA21 will be an online test with technology enhanced items/recording feature/universal design
 - Will require the use of district-provided integrated headsets
 - K-2 students will complete online assessment; with K-1 students having a portion of the writing assessment in paper pencil mode
- ELPA21 website: www.elpa21.org
 - Link to training modules
 - Resources including:

- Hardware Specs
- Headset Specs
- Field Test FAQs

ELDA Updates

- Window is Feb. 9-Mar. 20
- Materials arrive a week prior
- K, 1-2 Inventories available online 1/20 (optional); look for email from MI
- Materials must be shipped back by 4/03/2015 by FedEx
- Training materials available on Title III webpage

NeSA Updates

- ELL accommodations documents available on Assessment and Title III webpages
http://www.education.ne.gov/assessment/NeSA_Accommodations.htm
- Math Reporting
 - All ELLs required to take NeSA-M, (accommodations allowed)
 - Scores of Recently Arrived will not be included in AYP calculation

Annual Measureable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs)

- No changes for 2015 results (based on last administration of ELDA)
- Moving to new assessment in 2016 will require study and changes

Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and Department of Justice (DOJ) Newly Released Joint Guidance

- May be found on Title III Webpage
- Dear Colleague Letter, Fact Sheets on School Obligations and Parent Communication
 - Highlights include:
 - Title III may not fund activities considered to be obligations of the LEA/SEA
 - Interpreters/Translations; may not ask students, siblings, friends, untrained staff
 - Access to grade-level curricula so they may meet promotion/graduation requirements
 - Serving students by establishing a pathway to graduation
 - ELLs with disabilities
 - Opting out of ELL Services—Districts may not recommend this
 - Appropriate use of paraprofessionals